Commissions Act, 1998 has enabled the States to constitute their State Electricity Regulatory Commissions. Rules regarding State Electricity Regulatory Commissions are framed by respective State Governments under Section 57 of the Electricity Regulatory Commissions Act, 1998.

Alternative Sources of Energy by Domestic Sector

1575. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for a joint effort with the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources for harnessing and utilizing alternative sources of energy by domestic sector and sparing huge amount of energy for other purposes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) There is a Coordination Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Power) to enable close coordination amongst the electricity reflated Departments/Ministries and the Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources is represented on this Committee. One of the tasks of the Committee is to take a coordinated view on generation of electricity from all sources.

Status of agreement signed between U.P. Government and Duncans North Hydro Power Company

† 1576. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1892 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th August, 2001 and state:

(a) the position of agreement with regard to Shrinagar Power project reached with Duncans North Hydro Power Company; and

(b) the provision of penalizing the said company for not completing the work after expiry of time limit as per the agreement, if so, whether any action has been taken against the said company and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) With the formation of the

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.